

Well, what is the verdict? May it please the court, the jury is ompelled to ask time for further deiberation; its mind is partially made up, and as far as most of the actors and actresses on trial are concerned, the verdict, if rendered now, would undoubtedly be favorable, but it confesses that before fully deciding on the question as to whether the new company is to be a "go," or "no go" in Salt Lake, it would like the opportunity to see the players in a play which taxes their abilities somewhat more fully than is done by the require-

ments of "A Gilded Fool." This would be very apt to be the response returned by that great jury, the public, if it were polled at the present time on the question of the success

called on for but little, and it is to be hoped that the promise their delineations have held out, will be fulfilled by their later achievements. Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Robert Cummings and Mr. Giblyn will be undeniably useful and the others rather have their marks yet to make.

Besides, the company needs to play together more than a week before all its machinery can be said to be thoroughly oiled. That perfect blending of work the dovetailing, the fusing of one into the other as it were, which comes from long association, is yet to be gained, and the company needs a few more people, in order that two Morgans may not be made to do duty in the same play, as in "A Gilded Fool." New strength is promised at once, howor non-success of the new stock com- ever, and one new comer, Miss Holt, is



LOUIS JAMES

ardly yet be said to have fully pre- | Swift." ented its side of the case. "A Gilded ool" is a one-man part, having been ritten to suit the pecularities of Nat loodwin; it is a pleasing play, without eing a great one, and it gives no one my especial opportunities except Mr. ummings himself, and he has, on the hole, come out of the ordeal with redit; only one suggestion regarding his delineation could have been offered, and that is that the part was occasionally allowed to run too close to low medy lines, as at the close of the play where he almost capsized himself when about to embrace Miss Hall, a prospect hich would surely have inspired most ien to be at their best. The two ladies, liss Hall and Miss Douglas, have

any. The Cummings company can | already here to take part in "Captain

The first week's business will only rank as fair, owing to the heavy opposition the new company has had to encounter at the other house. It is to be hoped the management has taken such things into consideration, for it will doubtless have many of them to encounter. Conducted as the present venture is, with the stock company, owned by Messrs. Cummings and Kallman, and the Amusement Association, represented by Mr. Jay Rogers, dividing the receipts in the customary proportions (the larger share of course going to the stage end) there ought to be a fair return, if not a large one, if the business averages up to that done under Mr. Mulvey's management. Whether the public will turn out to see a stock company as it did to witness the variegated, constantly changing, and not always ound instant favor, though they were very high class sort of entertainment

seen there last year, is the one question which only a good, fair trial will determine, . . .

N. A. W. S. Same

Next week will be a great one in amusement circles in this city, and cer-tainly the visitors to the stock convention will have no fault to find with the bill-of-fare set up for their delectation, Louis James and Kathryn Kidder will be seen the entire week at the Theater; the noted star, Mrs. Fiske appears three nights at the Grand, the regular stock company fills in the latter part of the week, and on Wednesday night occurs the big musical event at the Tabernacle, when our visitors will be given an opportunity to hear the world famed choir and organ. A rare musical program has been arranged and our musical forces will be heard at their best.

It was Warde-Kidder & James, the first year, then James-Kidder and Han-ford, and now Mr. James and Miss Kidder have demonstrated that they are fully able to stand alone. Their big production this year is Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," and all reports say that it is even more of a success than "The Winter Tale," which they brought out last year. Mr. James is said to have made one

Air. James is said to have made one of the most emphatic and one of the most unique hits of his life in the laughable part of Nick Bottom, the weaver. Miss Kidder has made a decided hit in the part of Helena, which she graces with her attractive personality, her melodious and expressive voice, and her intelligent reading of voice, and her intelligent reading of poetic lines. The whole company is a notable one. Miss Kate Oaker, said to be a beautiful and accomplished actress, will be seen as Hermia. Ethel Browning, for some time Nat Goodwin's ingenue, a diminutive and pretty girl, will be the Puck, Thomas Coffin Cooke the Peter Quince, Ashley Miller, a well trained young actor, will be the Oberon, king of the fairles, and Ina Brocks will be Titania, the fairy queen; Norman Hacket and J. J. Ryan will be Norman Hacket and J. J. Ryan will be Lysander and Demeterous, respectively. The play will be produced with a wealth of scenery, that painted for the fairy effects, being described as specially beautiful. Mendelssohn wrote the music of the play, and his famous "Wedding March" comes from it. All the music will be given in the Salt Lake production, several singers of note being with the company.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be

THEATER GOSSIP.

Mrs. Leslie Carter in "Zaza," is the Theater's big February attraction.

Sait Lake is to have its first glimpse of "The Christian" week after next. The Cummings' Stock company state

that they have the rights to "The Lit-tle Minister," and will render it soon. Blanche Bates will be starred by David Belasco in Paul M. Potter's dramatization of "Under Two Flags."

Mary Mannering's run at Wallack's in "Janice Meredith" is justifying all predictions made as to its popular qual-

"The Sign of the Cross" went into Cleveland last week, it is said, with an advance sale of \$6,000 at prices not advanced.

Julia Marlowe has secured the dramatic rights to the successful novel, "The Redemption of David Corson," by the Rev. Charles F. Goss, of Cincinnati. E. S. Willard, the English actor, is

making a feature in New York of a dramatization of "Martin Chuzzlewit,"

in which he plays the part of Tom As was expected, two weeks proved the limit of Broadhurst's farce. 'The House That Jack Built,' in New York, and the engagement came to a close

last night. Mr. Joseph R. Grismer arrived in San Francisco last week, after an absence of four years. Mr. Grismer, for the present, has given up acting. He now gives his undivided attention to the Brady and Grismer stage productions, and comes West in the interests of "Way Down East."

Nat Goodwin is to make a spring tour of the country with his production of "The Merchant of Venice," in which an all-star cast is to be seen, according to the latest report. The tour will be managed by Joseph Brooks, who pl loted the all-star cast in "The Rivals" through the country several seasons

Mr. Kallman, manager of the Cum-"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be many changes at the Grand. Prominent



KATHRYN KIDDER, In a "Midsummer Night's Dream."

## HER SILVER NOTES WIN DIAMOND STARS.

Lillan Blauvelt Sails Across the Seas Again to Gather Fresh Laurels.



Mme, Blauvelt will soon reappear in Europe, whither she is now bound, and here she has alroady won fame as a singer in concert and opera. In Engand Mme, Blauvelt was "commanded" to Windsor, where she sang before Seen Victoria and the royal family. As a souvenir Victoria presented to her a jewelled medallion medal. Queen Margherita of Italy summoned her to the Quirinal, where she cang before her majesty and King Humbert, The souvenir presented her was a jewelled medal, heart shaped, surmounted by a crown. suspended from an ornamental knot of gold and diamonds. The heart bears the initial "M" in diamonds.

Salt Lake is on the tiptoe of expec-Salt Lake is on the tiptoe of expectation over the approaching visit of Mrs. Fiske. People who remember her as a slip of a girl fifteen years ago in such plays as "Fogg's Ferry," "Caprice," "Feather brain," etc., when she was known as Minnie Maddern, will hardly recognize her today. Since those old times she has risen to be one of the recognized American stars. Miss Laura recognized American stars. Miss Laura Nelson Hall refers to her as the "Amer-ican Bernhardt," and from all accounts, ican Bernhardt," and from an accounts, this praise does not seem to be any too high. Her play of "Becky Sharp," in which she opens Monday evening, was specially dramatized from Thackeray's immortal novel, "Vanity Fair," for her use. "Tess," which she does Wednesday night, comes from Hardy's noted novel, "Tess of the D'Urbanvilles." The characters in each play are as far apart as they could well be, but Mrs. Fiske has won as much fame in one as in the other. The company is the same as that which has been with her in her blay castern, triumphs. The chrome stances under which she appears at the Grand are well known to the public and need not be recited here. Without doubt the only question connected with the engagement will be as to whether there will be seats enough in the house to accommodate those who will be eager to see her, even at the advanced prices demanded for the occasion.

The cast for "Captain Swift," the next play to be rendered by the Cummings Stock company, is given below. Mr. Cummings will do the part of the adventurer, originally played here by Mr. Frawley, and Miss Ruth Holt, the new member of the company who has just arrived from New York, assumes the part of Mrs. Seabrooke, mother of the adventurer. Miss Hail will have the part of Stella, which should admirably fit her charming style, and Miss Douglas will be seen as Mabel, daughter of Mrs. Seabrooke. The play will be seen first in Ogden, so that it should be in excellent shape for rendition here. The cast for "Captain Swift," the next

THE CAST.

Mr. Seabrooke ... Charles Giblyn
Mr. Gardner ... Willard Biackmore
Sir John Staunton ... Edward Poland
Marshall ... Robert Cummings
Mr. Ryan ... Joseph Downs
Stella Darbisher .. Laura Nelson Hall
Mrs. Seabrooke ... Ruth Holt
Mabel Seabrooke ... Blanche Douglas
Bates ... Edith Angus

run until Saturday, when Mr. James | among them are repapering the house, will be seen as Richard III, one of his strongest roles. repainting and regliding the proscen-ium arch and the boxes, recarpeting the aisles and the upper balcony, and generally overhauling and renovating the premises. The improvements were specially noticeable by the audience on the opening night last Monday.

## MUSIC NOTES.

It is rumored that Cecile Chaminade, the composer, may visit America this season.

The closing of the Grau-Savage English Opera company does not affect the Castle Square opera companies, as these are managed entirely separate of the big organization by Mr. Savage.

The familiar figure of Professor Geo. Careless is seen at the Grand, where he is playing first violin. No musician of our community has done more for the divine art than he, and it is pleasant to see him associated again with his old friend, Mr. Clive.

A feature of the stock mens' convention concert in the Tabernacle Wednesday will be the rendition of the charming song from the "Fortune Teller," the "Gypsy Serenade," sung by Mr. H. S. Ensign and the Tabernacle choir. This song will be remembered as the hit of the opera when given here recently by Eugene Cowles.

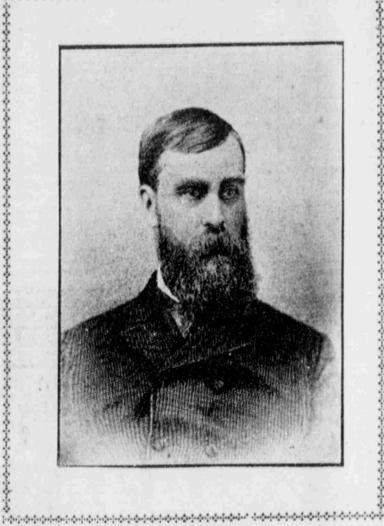
The Salt Lake Opera company has decided to proceed with the preparation of "Fatinitza," Suppe's opera, Lotty Levy Kahn playing the title role, Mr. Goddard has organized the chorus and Prof. Weihe will have the musical direction. The date of the performance is set for the last part of March, with a probable repetition during the April Conference.

Mr. H. S. Goddard will give his popular lecture entitled "The Voice and How to Use It," in Willard City tonight, Miss Harrington assisting him both as accompanist and singer. Mr. Goddard is receiving numerous offers to give his lecture in outside points and it cannot fail to exercise a decided edu-cational influence wherever heard.

Two favorites singers who have not been heard of late by the public, Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edward and Mr. Thomas Ashworth, will make their reappearance at the stock convention concert next Wednesday evening. Both, of late, have been pursuing an arduous course of study and their friends state

## OLD SALT LAKERS.

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THE LATE J. R. WALKER.

The death of J. R. Walker, familiarly known as "Rob." Walker, has revived many interesting stories of the early experiences here of the Walker family. Few names have been more intimately connected with the commercial history of Utah than that of the Walkers. "I very well remember," says the veteran night watchman, Mr. Thomas Dobson, "when the Walker boys were hustling for their first stake in life, in and around Salt Lake. I especially recall "Reb" and Fred as clerks for 'Old Bill Nickson, as Nickson, the ploneer merchant, used to be named. He had a store on Main street, close to where the Paris Cafe now stands, and "Rob" got his first merchandising experience there. Later, in the fall of 1858, I recollect being on Bear river when a beautiful train of freight wagons from California was taken over the river. It was loaded with freight for Camp Floyd, and the goods were turned over to the Walker brothers, who handled them on commission. They made an immense thing out of that. When Johnston's army broke up in Camp Floyd, the goods were sold out at almost any price and the Walkers having a little capital, put it into army provisions which they bought at auction, and they made a lot of money that way."

The four Walker boys, Rob, Fred, Sharp and M. H., came to Utah with their mother, their father having died in St. Louis. The family lived for years in a small ndobe house, which stood on the block where the handsome residences of the Walker brothers have since been erected. Mrs. M. T. Beatle, who knew the family well in those days, says she recalls how a crowd of young girls, of which she was a member, visited Mrs. Walker and received from her the first candy they had ever seen "in the valley." It had been brought from California by her sons, who were freighters, and the delight which the stock of candy occasioned among the girls of those days, is some. thing that can hardly be imagined by people of today. Two members of the original Walker brothers are still surviving, M. H., of this city, and D. F. (Fred), who spends most of his time in California. Sharp died in this city some years ago.



MRS. FISKE, As Becky Sharp,

Wednesday night is open to the pub- | will have the opportunity to bring them He wishes to say that while about

iic. He wishes to say that while about 5,000 seats will be reserved for the delegates and their friends, from 1,000 to 1,-500 will be sold at 50 cents each to the first comers, the proceeds going to the Tabernacle choir fund. These tickets will be on sale at the various book and music stores and at the gates on the evening of the concert.

Thursday night's Tabernacle choir rehearsal found every one of the 400 seats in the choir hall occupied, which means that the choir is waking up again. It was almost perplexing to Director Stephens to meet such a flood of singers, on the eve of a public con-cert, but they went at their work with will, and after an hour's determined labor the big mass began to grow more wieldy; while it will be impossible for the choir to do the kind of work at the coming stock convention concert that it could have done had the singers railied a month ago, still with another good rehearsal they will be in fairly good

Prof. Stephens announced that in future negligent members would only be taken back into the choir on a special taken back into the choir on a special request signed by the First Presidency of the Church, and that the record of non-attendants would also be kept, and reports made both to the presidency. This is a proper step, because the Tabernacle choir is both a general one for the whole Church, as well as the choir, of this Stake. When the members realize this more fully, they will take a greater pride in making a good record, and the result will be that the director of times to notify her, but as she was

up to an artistic standard otherwise impossible to attain.

The news that Sousa is coming here shortly for a grand concert with the band that won so much fame in Europe last summer, will be welcome news for the many admirers of the "March King" and his men. The great band is at its best now, and Sousa has so replenished his library at the foreign publishers', that he is prepared to offer programs on this tour fairly replete with novelties. An additional honor has been accorded Sousa in the engagement of his band to appear for four weeks at the Inter-national Exhibition at Glasgow, Scotland, next October, at the highest price ever paid for a military band abroad. Sousa will also make an extended tour of England in connection with his Glas-gow engagement. His present winter season at home, which began January 3rd, embraces 160 different cities, to be

Some comment has been occasioned by the fact that Miss Arvilla Clark did not sing in the New Year's day exer-Bates .... ..... Edith Angus | convention concert at the Tabernacle | and the result will be that the director | of times to notify her, but as she was

visited in 17 weeks,

out of town, she did not receive the notice, and the day of the Tabernacle even, arrived without her having been seen. She would have been glad to appear, had she known of it in time to arrange her dates.

BIG PLANT IN A SMALL CITY.

The Union-Sun of Lockport, N. Y., tells an interesting story to its readers about a 3,000,000 contract for almanaes and a 2,000,000 contract for booklets it is turning out in its job department. is turning out in its job department. The paper used would lay a white avenue 20 feet wide from Lockport to San Francisco. The local postmaster has established a substation in the printing office building. One cent postage stamps are turnished in sheets already canceled, with the words "Lockport, N, Y.," printed across the face. The company also has other contracts which run into seven figures. run into seven figures.

FRENCH BOOK IN DEMAND.

Publishers and booksellers who carry stocks of fereign books are having a hard time just now and have been for several months. It seems as if about every man, woman and child in New York who can read a few words in French has been wild ever since the announcement that Hernhardt would play "L'Algion" here to read the book of the play in the original. There was therefore a rush to the booksellers. fy the demand, have grown weary,

TWO NEWSPAPER MEN REWARDED

Newspaper men sometimes receive their just rewards even in this world. Alfred T. Rogers, a newspaper man, has been appointed secretary of the newly elected Governor La Follatte of Wisconsin, and Frederick Sterling, also a newspaper man, has been appointed secretary to Richard Yates, the newly elected governor of Illinois.

Troubles of a Minister.

To benefit others Rev. J. T. W. Vernon, of Hartwell, Ga., writes: "For a long time I had a running sore on my leg. I tried many remedies without benefit, until I used a bottle of Electric Bitters and a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me sound and well."
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